

Application Serial No. 10/811,768
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 10-13 are pending before this amendment (claims 1-9 and 14-23 have been withdrawn in response to the examiner's earlier restriction requirement). By the present amendment, claim 10 is amended. No new matter has been added.

In the office action (page 2), claims 10-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,586,827 (Takeuchi).

In the office action (pages 3-4), the examiner acknowledges that the differences exist between the embodiments of the present application and the cited Takeuchi reference but the claims are too broad, and advises the applicants to amend the claims to more particularly point out the difference.

The applicants thank the examiner for the advise, and accordingly amended claim 10 to add new limitations that distinguish the presently claimed invention from the prior art.

The applicants respectfully reassert all remarks of the last filed amendment and also submit that Takeuchi does not teach or disclose claim 10, now amended to include the following:

—a base layer that is disposed in contact with the insulating layer of the substrate layer, and said base layer having an opening formed at a portion corresponding to the electronic component ~~to expose at least an end of the bump to accommodate an externally provided semiconductor element, at least an end of the bump being exposed in the opening for connection of the electronic component to the semiconductor element in the opening~~—.

For the reasons set forth above, the applicants respectfully submit that claims 10-13, now pending in this application, are in condition for allowance over the cited

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references. Accordingly, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and earnestly solicit an indication of allowable subject matter.

When issuance of a Notice of Allowance is proper in the next action, the examiner is authorized to cancel the withdrawn claims, for which the applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications.

This amendment is considered to be responsive to all points raised in the office action. Should the examiner have any remaining questions or concerns, the examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to expeditiously resolve such concerns.

Respectfully submitted,



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